

[14th December 1923]

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.*Nautch-girls to Empire Exhibition.*

40. Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether any proposal was placed before him at any time for sending nautch-girls to the British Empire Exhibition, and, if so, by whom;
- (b) what his attitude towards this proposal was at the beginning; and
- (c) whether any money was advanced to nautch-girls, or spent on this account, and, if so, how much?

A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

IRRIGATION.*Penalty levied for using channel water in certain taluks in Bellary.*

41. Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) the total number of cases and the amount of penalty levied in the Desanur and Siruguppa villages of Bellary taluk, and Kampli and Ramasagaram villages of Hospet taluk, Bellary district, for alleged unauthorized use, without previous permission, of the channel water for double crop on single crop wet lands;

(2) whether in every case an application is made for water and sanctioned by the Government, the latter guaranteeing to the ryot concerned, the necessary quantity of water reasonably required for him for his crop to grow and mature; and

(3) whether during any of the five years preceding the introduction of the rule requiring an application for water in all cases where double crops are grown on single crop wet lands, the crops on any field or fields suffered damage owing to a larger extent than was reasonable being cultivated with double crops instead of a single crop and, if so, the number of such cases and the amount of charge for water for the second crops remitted in each year?

A.—(1) Government have not the information asked for.

(2) The system of water applications was introduced in 1922.

The acceptance of a water application does not guarantee the supply of any definite supply of water since this would be dependant on the season.

(3) The trouble which led to the introduction of water applications arose in connexion with the cultivation of sugarcane, which resulted in shortage of water during the last period of the crop. The Government have no information as to the number of cases of damage to crops or the amount of the remission granted during the period in question.

Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU:—“May I ask the hon. the Law Member if he will inquire into the number of cases referred to in question 41 (1), and call for a report?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Yes.”